

TO THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS OF INDIANA.

Mrs. F. E. Rhorer of Milford, suggested recently a "Christmas of giving," and I want to propose the idea to all the Sunday-schools of the State. We usually celebrate Christmas by appropriate exercises and a treat for the children. They have thus come to expect something every Christmas. Now the spirit of Christianity is not getting but giving. Do good and lend hoping for nothing again. We ought to cultivate the spirit of unselfish giving in the children, and at this time we should rather celebrate God's love in *giving* his son to the world than our own benefits in *receiving* him. Now I propose that all our schools make this a *Christmas of giving*. Let the children help to seek out the poor and present their names to the committee and help to distribute the gifts. Let them each give something if only a mite. They will enjoy it better than the worthless candy and popcorn usually received. If your school is in the country and you have no poor, send the gifts to the city or raise something for mission work. This need not interfere with plans or programs now under way. Remember especially those not yet members of the S. S. or those who have moved away. Let this be a blessed missionary Christmas.

C. F. YODER, S. S. Sec.

FROM WATERLOO, IOWA.

As I have not much to do and feel lonely, the thought came to me that I might do a little more that I never did before, and that is write a few lines for the EVANGELIST. We all have a work to do, and oh, how many of us let that work undone. I need not say what that work is, we all know what it is. Dear sisters, those of us who were and are so careless and negligent I would say, let us begin that work and be better workers for our Master, than we have ever been before. By God's help, I will do what I can. Sometimes this work seems so hard, but I think the only reason this work seems so hard, is because we are not willing enough to work. If we are only willing and then work, God will do his part. He is always willing, if we do what we can, is all that is asked of us.

At the prayer-meeting, I see a grand work, if we will only do it. But we are so timid, and why is it? We must get rid of that timidity, and we certainly can, but not if we never find anything to do. I know I am as timid as anyone can be, but I am going to try very hard to get over all that. How much better we feel when we go home from prayer-meeting, thinking we said or did a little something for Christ. A few weeks ago we had such a grand re-

vival, and what a grand work was done there. We were so richly blessed, our prayers were answered, and why was it? Because we worked. Now let us keep on working. The trouble with so many of us is when church time is here or prayer-meeting time, oh, then we are so tired, we worked hard all week, we must stay at home and rest. I am so sorry that it is the case with so many of us. I do hate, when we talk of having a revival or prayer-meeting or any church work, when we can hardly find time, if we want to look on busy times, we will never find time. We ask God to help us to be better workers for him is my prayer.

MARY MILLER.

FROM ENON AND WATERLOO.

Preached a Thanksgiving sermon at Enon, last Thursday, and took a collection. Half of it was to go to the Orphan's Home at Council Bluffs, Ia., kept up by charity. The other half to be used by the committee of the church on poor and sick. Collection amounted to ten dollars. I've never seen a people more benevolent than the members of Enon. Praise the Lord for their kind hearts. Thanksgiving evening was spent by our K. C. in a Christian sociable, at the home of brother Dan Saylor. The 55 present had an enjoyable evening. Light refreshments were served. It was not a money-making sociable, but one for the purpose of glorifying our Christ in a social evening. Nor was it for ourselves so much as for those who know not Christ, and his power to save from sin in our joys. Many become better acquainted with our K. C. Many see that religion means holy joys as well as holy church services.

Yours in faith,

Hudson, Ia. J. L. GILLIN.

FROM FALLS CITY, NEB.

Our regular annual revival began last evening, with Rev. John Burnworth, our pastor and speaker. This pleasant Thanksgiving day, five applicants were baptized. Elder S. H. Bashor is expected in a few days to assist in the meetings. The poor of the city were pretty generally remembered with a feast to-day. The principal of our schools is trying to cultivate the spirit of giving in the children, by proper lectures before thanksgiving. So that on Wednesday before that day, about 600 scholars are seen going to school with flour, apples, potatoes, chickens, dry goods, groceries and everything imaginable that is useful. A few wagon loads of donations are thus secured each year, and distributed among the needy, by a committee of citizens. Very respectfully,

SAMUEL LICHTY.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

The death angel has again come into our midst and by the taking of our loved friend and companion, the youthful Chas. Snyder seemed to say, "My Lord has need of these flowrets gay." And to console the weeping friends he seemed to say, "They shall all bloom in the fields of light, transplanted by my care. Therefore, we the undersigned committee removed to expressions of deep sympathy and sorrow.

WHEREAS, it has pleased providence to remove from our midst our friend, and

WHEREAS our Sunday-school and K. C. Society has lost in his dead a member, therefore be it

Resolved, we the K. C. of the Fair Haven Brethren Church extend to the bereaved father and mother, Brother and Sister Snyder, and the three loving sisters, our heart-felt sympathy and in their sad bereavement we commend them into the care and comfort of Him who doeth all things well. And be it

Resolved that we cherish his memory and that we, who are yet on the shores of time, may by his death be admonished to walk closer with our God, that we may meet him where we will indeed be the King's Children. Be it also

Resolved that copies of these resolutions be sent to the EVANGELIST and K. C. paper and to the bereaved family.

WARREN G. FOUCH,
CLARA C. SECHRIST, } Committee.
CLARA C. GINTER. }

GOSPEL SHIP STILL MOVES.

The spiritual thermometer is at a good warm temperature here. One baptized on Nov. 30, by brother S. J. Harrison, who preaches for us every 1st and 3rd Sundays. The brethren and sisters had an enjoyable communion on the eve of Nov. 30, at Lathrop. They have also decided to have them in connection with their Quarterly Conference. B. F. FREDERICK.

Ripon, Dec. 3.

FROM WAYNESVILLE, MO.

I was invited to this place to speak a few words of encouragement to the brethren and sisters, and to point out to the sinner the way of salvation. After the meeting was fairly started, we had a crowded house every evening. On last Saturday evening we had a very interesting feast. It was the first feast of charity that I ever officiated that had no leavened bread. Praise the Lord. Brother Roberts is doing a good work here, and in his untiring zeal goes from six to twelve miles to his appointment. Yours for the truth.

Dec. 3.

H. E. FAIDLEY.